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PREFACE

This inventory of Parke County records constitutes a part of the general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is hoped the information contained in these volumes will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take a greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped the information presented herein, concerning the present housing and care of records and accommodations for persons who may wish to consult these, will prove to have value for officials and the general citizenry.

This inventory of records was made during the period of April 6 to May 25, 1936, under supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director; Miss Katherine Smith, District Supervisor; and Marion Arvin, Research Editor. The field workers were Barney Dyer, Lahman Hannah, Samuel Edmunds, and Luther Crawford, all of Terre Haute. Indispensable cooperation was received from all officials of the county and from the Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is our intention to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. This inventory is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the background and basis for the records. The entries

of the inventory are carried in consecutive numbering for the county, while the bureaus are arranged alphabetically. Where it is applicable, natural groupings under a subject heading are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged according to their functional sequence. A cross reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

Acknowledgement should go to the State office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, and compiling the Parke County Survey.

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and towns ip records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project of the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and State historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carries out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee of which Ralph N. Tirey, president of State

Teachers College, Terre Haute, is chairman, has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the State indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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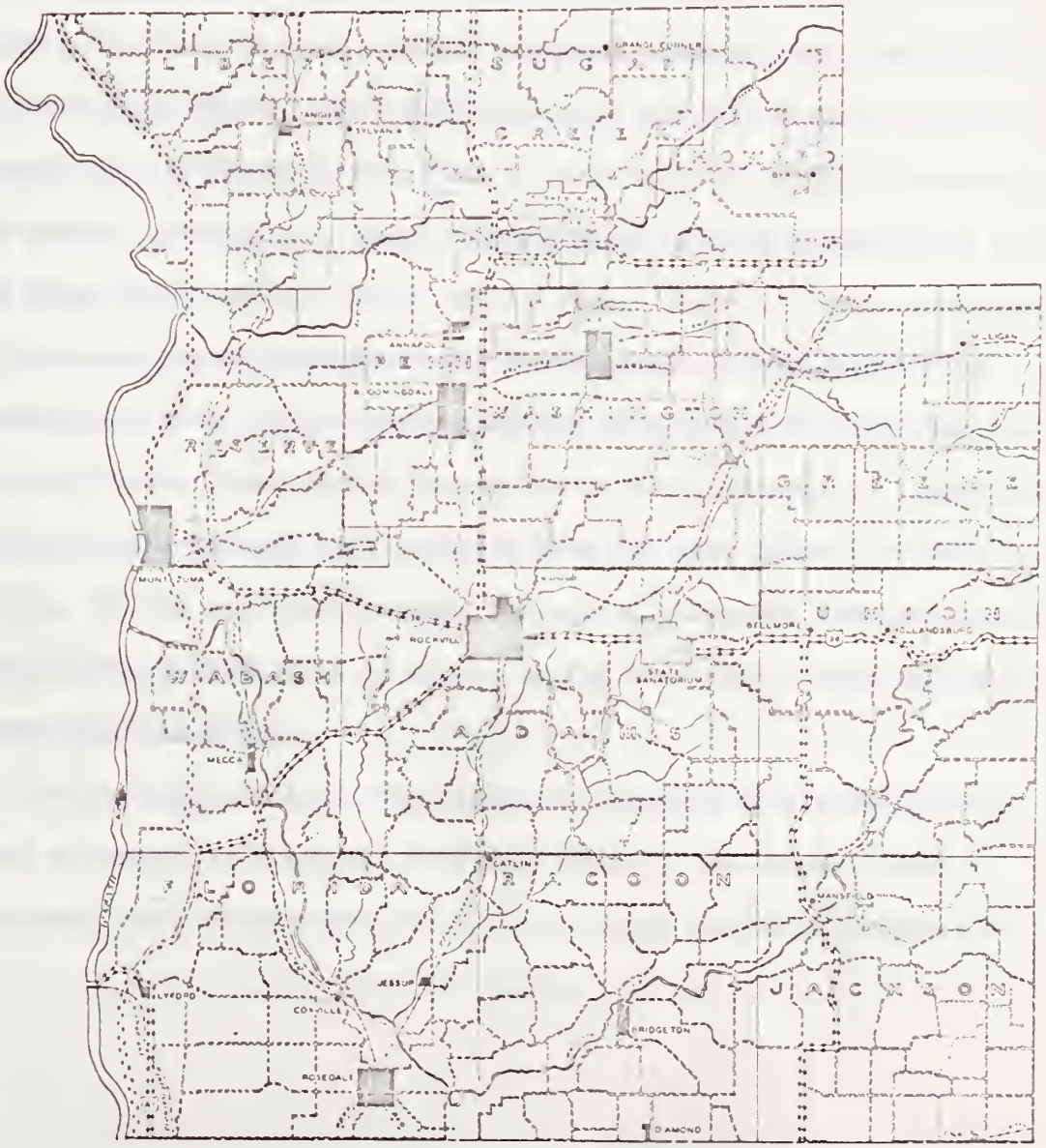

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Parke County, situated in the west central part of the State, is bounded on the north by Montgomery and Fountain Counties, on the east by Montgomery and Putnam Counties, on the south by Vigo and Clay Counties, and on the west by Vermillion County. It has an area of 447 square miles.

The topography of Parke County is principally upland divided by several streams, only about one sixth of the surface of the county constituting bottom land. In the northwest section, the table-lands run from Sugar Creek, where the hills rise 100 feet or more along the stream, to the Wabash River. Most of this area is slightly undulating. The central portion is a ridge between Little Racoon Creek on the east and Sugar Creek and the Wabash on the west. There is little wasteland in this area, which extends as far south as Big Racoon Creek. The southeastern part of the county consists of a high table-land reaching from Big Racoon Creek to the county line. Both branches of Rocky Fork Creek, running through this section, have cut deep chasms between high bluffs. On the southwest, another table-land stretches from Big Racoon Creek to the Wabash; this is a less useful area and is about 200 feet higher than the Wabash.

Of the Indian tribes, the Illini or Illinois were probably the first to occupy or claim the territory which is now Parke County. Apparently they were driven out by the Iroquis Hurons, as evidence of

savage battles has been found, especially along Sugar Creek. The tribes composing the Miami Confederacy, the Twightwees, Piankashaws, Weas, and Shockeys, finally took possession of practically the whole of the state and in the territory of present Parke County were most numerous along Sugar and Upper Racoon Creeks. The Kickapoos, Delawares, and Shawnees contested their claims and the northern section of this territory, especially the hills along Sugar Creek, was again the scene of fierce conflicts. However, the Miamis were never conquered by these tribes, but yielded their claims to the white man by treaty and purchase. An Indian burial ground has been found near Sugar Creek containing over one hundred graves, and one mile east of Howard, Indian skeletons have been found buried in a sitting position.

The territory now composing Parke County was added to that of the United States Government and opened for white settlement by two treaties. On October 26, 1809, the Miami Confederacy ratified a treaty signed the previous month by William Henry Harrison, Governor of Indiana Territory, and the Indians at Fort Wayne. This treaty provided for the cession of all lands in the state still held by the Indians south of a line which should run from the corner of the old reservation on White River in Jackson County, "from the Ten O'Clock Sun to the mouth of Pishewan" or Big Racoon Creek in Parke County. This boundary was called the Ten O'Clock Line. Tecumseh, the powerful Shawnee chief, prevented the survey of this line and the lands

south of it, and it was only after the Battle of Tippecanoe and several years of intermittent conflicts with the Indians that this territory was opened to white settlement. That immense area north of the "Ten O'Clock Line" -- the New Purchase -- was ceded to the Government by the Treaty of St. Mary's on October 2, 1818, by the Miami Confederacy. The Sugar Creek Reservation, which the Indians were to occupy temporarily, and two sections of land granted to Christmas Dazney, and his sister, a half-breed, ~~and his sister~~, were the only tracts of land in the territory, which became the county, remaining in the hands of the Indians. The Dazney farm near Stringtown, now called Armiesburg, was held by this family until 1852.

The first permanent white settler in what is now Parke County remains to this day a disputed question. According to some authorities, James McDoty settled on Henry's Prairie sometime in 1818; others give the honor to a Dr. Taylor, who is supposed to have built a cabin on the upper end of Henry's Prairie in 1817. Judge Joseph Walker settled in what is now Florida Township, near the present town of Mama, in 1818. William D. Mitchell, long prominently identified with Union Township, was born in Racoon in 1818, shortly after his parents arrived there. A Robinson family moved into Parke County from Fort Harrison the same year. James Kerr, who bought land in the county at the early sales -- in 1816 or 1817 -- did not become a permanent settler until 1822. Captain Andrew Brooks, Indian agent, interpreter, and trader, and Channcey Rose, who later became known as a distinguished pioneer and

philanthropist, formed a partnership to establish a mill, store, and distillery on the south bend of Big Racoon Creek. In 1819 they started construction of a mill on the present site of Rosedale. Many settlers came to that part of the county north of the "Ten O'Clock Line" before the land was placed on sale in the fall of 1820. Among the first to locate in this region were James Henry and his five sons, John Doty, Samuel Adams, William Nevins, and Jacob Bell. John Adams, David Evans, and Boston Den located at the forks of the Racoon Creek.

Parke County was formed by an act of the General Assembly approved January 9, 1821. This formation affected Vigo and Wabash Counties, and the boundaries of the new county were legally described as follows: "Beginning of the line dividing the states of Indiana and Illinois, where the line between townships thirteen and fourteen north intersects the same, thence east to the line dividing ranges six and seven west, of the second principal meridian, thence north to the line dividing townships seventeen and eighteen north of the base line, thence west to the state line, dividing the states of Indiana and Illinois, thence south to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1820-21, p. 63).

When Vermillion County was formed January 2, 1824, all that part of Parke County west of the Wabash River was transferred to Vermillion. Another act of the same date attached about 18 square miles of Montgomery and about 108 square miles of Putnam County to Parke County. The act provided that "all that part of the counties of Montgomery

and Putnam, lying south and west of the following boundary, to wit: Beginning at the corner of townships seventeen and eighteen north of range six and seven west; thence east along the township line, to the corner of sections numbered three and four, in township numbered seventeen north, of range number six west; thence south to the line dividing townships sixteen and seventeen north; thence east with the township line, to the corner of townships thirteen and fourteen, and thence west to the present boundary of Parke County." (Laws of Indiana, 1823-24, (special), pp. 53-54).

The county was named in honor of Benjamin Parke, who represented Indiana Territory in Congress for two terms, and was the first judge of the United States District Court in Indiana.

The first officials of Parke County were appointed by the Governor to organize the county government and to serve until an election was held. Captain Andrew Brooks was Sheriff, and James Blair was Coroner; Demsey Seybold and Joseph Walker were appointed Associate Judges, and Wallace Ray was named Clerk and Recorder; a little later John Skidmore and Ralston were commissioned Justices, and William Clark was appointed Surveyor but did not qualify, and Stephen Collett filled the post. The first election in the county was held on the first Monday in August 1821, at the home of Richard Henry, located a little north of the county line on Henry's Prairie.

Prior to the time the locating commissioners had selected a county seat, the towns of Rosedale and Armiesburg (so named because General

William Henry Harrison's army camped there one night on the march to Tippecanoe County in 1811) had served as temporary seats of justice. In February 1824, the present site of Rockville was named the county seat.

The first term of court was held in the cabin of Samuel Blair in Rosedale; sometime between 1821 and 1824, the county seat was moved to Armiesburg, and at least two terms of court were held there.

The first courthouse in Parke County was ready for occupancy in June 1826. It was a large log structure built on the south side of the present public square and was also used as a church. The second courthouse, a brick building, was completed in 1852 and was used until 1879. The corner stone of the third and present courthouse was laid September 11, 1879, under Masonic auspices. It is a stone structure and was completed at a cost of about $110,000.

There are now thirteen townships in Parke County: Adams, Florida, Greene, Howard, Jackson, Liberty, Penn, Racoon, Reserve, Sugar Creek, Union, Wabash, and Washington. The incorporated towns are Rockville, Rosedale, Bloomingdale, Montezuma, Judson, and Marshall.

Parke County is primarily an agricultural and stock raising district, with some coal mining in the eastern and central portions.

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GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Parke County, with its county seat at Rockville, is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana, embodying such powers of county government as have been prescribed by law. The legislative governing body for Parke County, as for all Indiana counties, is the State General Assembly. The present organization of county government is the result of the evolutionary development of the original constitution of 1816, the present constitution adopted in 1851, and subsequent legislative acts of the General Assembly. Parke County was formed by an Act of the General Assembly, January 9, 1821, and began its legal existence April 2, 1821. (Acts 1821.)

The governmental organization of Parke County serves as a unit for the maintenance of the peace through the Sheriff; the administration of justice through the Circuit Court; the administration of welfare work through a poor relief system; the administration of public works, such as highways, buildings, and drainage systems; the imposition of taxes; the holding of elections; the administration, to a limited degree, of education; and the enforcement of State laws and decrees.

Administration

At the organization of Parke County, the administrative duties were executed by a Board of Commissioners, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, Surveyor, and Clerk under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and legislative acts of the General Assembly thereafter. The office of Auditor was created by an Act of 1841. At the Constitutional

Convention in 1851, the Constitution of 1816 was revised and became the present Constitution of Indiana.

The Constitution of 1851 provides the election of a Clerk of the Circuit Court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an Auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a Recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a Treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a Coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those of suspicious means; and a Surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works and establishes boundaries for public and private lands. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2.) Since the adoption of the Constitution the General Assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading administrative body of county government is the Board of Commissioners, comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member retires each year. The board provides buildings to house county business, provides public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of county officers who handle money, changes boundaries of townships as it sees fit, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads, highways, and drainage systems. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an Act of 1873, a County Board of Education was created. The Board consists of the County Superintendent of Schools, the Township Trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of County Superintendent of Schools was created. The Superintendent is elected by the Township Trustees and serves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes, and he is under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Public Instruction. (Acts 1873, 1899; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

An Act of 1891 created the office of Health Commissioner. This officer is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health of and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of contagious diseases, births, deaths, and marriages. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an Act of 1891 the office of County Assessor was created. The Assessor is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term. His duties are to assess real and personal property, to instruct the Township Assessors to carry out the orders of the State Tax Board, and to act as president of the County Board of Review. (Acts 1891; Ch. 99.)

An Act of 1891 created the County Board of Review, whose members consist of the County Assessor, County Auditor, and County Treasurer. (Acts 1891; Ch. 99.) This act was amended in 1919 to include two free-holders of opposite political parties as membdrs of the board. The duties of this board are to equalize tax assessments on real and personal property, either for the county or against it. (Acts 1919; Sec. 64-1201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1899, by legislative enactment, a County Council was created. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The County Auditor acts as clerk of the Council. The Council has power to fix certain tax rates, exclusive right to make appropriations out of the County Treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing of money for the county. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1907, a legislative act created a County Board of Finance, consisting of the Board of County Commissioners. The County Auditor acts as secretary. The duties of this board are to have charge of and control the county funds. (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-606, 61-607, 61-610 to 61-613, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The General Assembly of 1935 repealed this act and in the same session revived it as part of the Depository Act, re-establishing the Board of Finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-628, 61-631 to 61-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

By an Act of 1913, the legislature made provisions for the creation of the office of County (Agricultural) Agent. The Act provides that this office may come into existence whenever a certain number of the residents of the county shall petition the County Board of Education, whereupon the appointment is made by Purdue University and ratified by the County Board of Education. The appointment is made annually. Upon the proper petition, this office was established in Parke County, February 1, 1913. The duties of the County Agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (Acts 1913; Sec. 28-4911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) By an Act of 1931 the office of Home Demonstration Agent was created and is supplemental to the office of the County Agricultural Agent. (Acts 1931; Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an Act of 1933 the office of Superintendent of Highways was abolished and the office of Highway Supervisor established. The Supervisor is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. He has general supervision of all county highways, roads and bridges. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1933, the legislature created a County Board of Tax Adjustment. The board consists of one member of the County Council, selected by the Council, and six members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court. This board has the power as it deems necessary to revise, change or reduce, but not to increase any tax levy or any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (Acts 1933; Sec. 64-304, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The County Board of Welfare was created by the Acts of 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the Circuit Court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, to the aged, and to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann., 1936 Supplement.)

Judicial

The judicial system of Parke County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the State Constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the General Assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole State as the needs arose. Parke County forms the sixty-eighth circuit, established in 1915. (Acts 1915; Sec. 4-332, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Before this period, Parke County was a part of the circuit to which another county was attached. The Constitution further provides the election of a judge of the Circuit Court, and the election of a Prosecuting Attorney for each circuit. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 9-11.)

In 1852, by a legislative act, the Court of Common Pleas was created. This court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873.

Records System

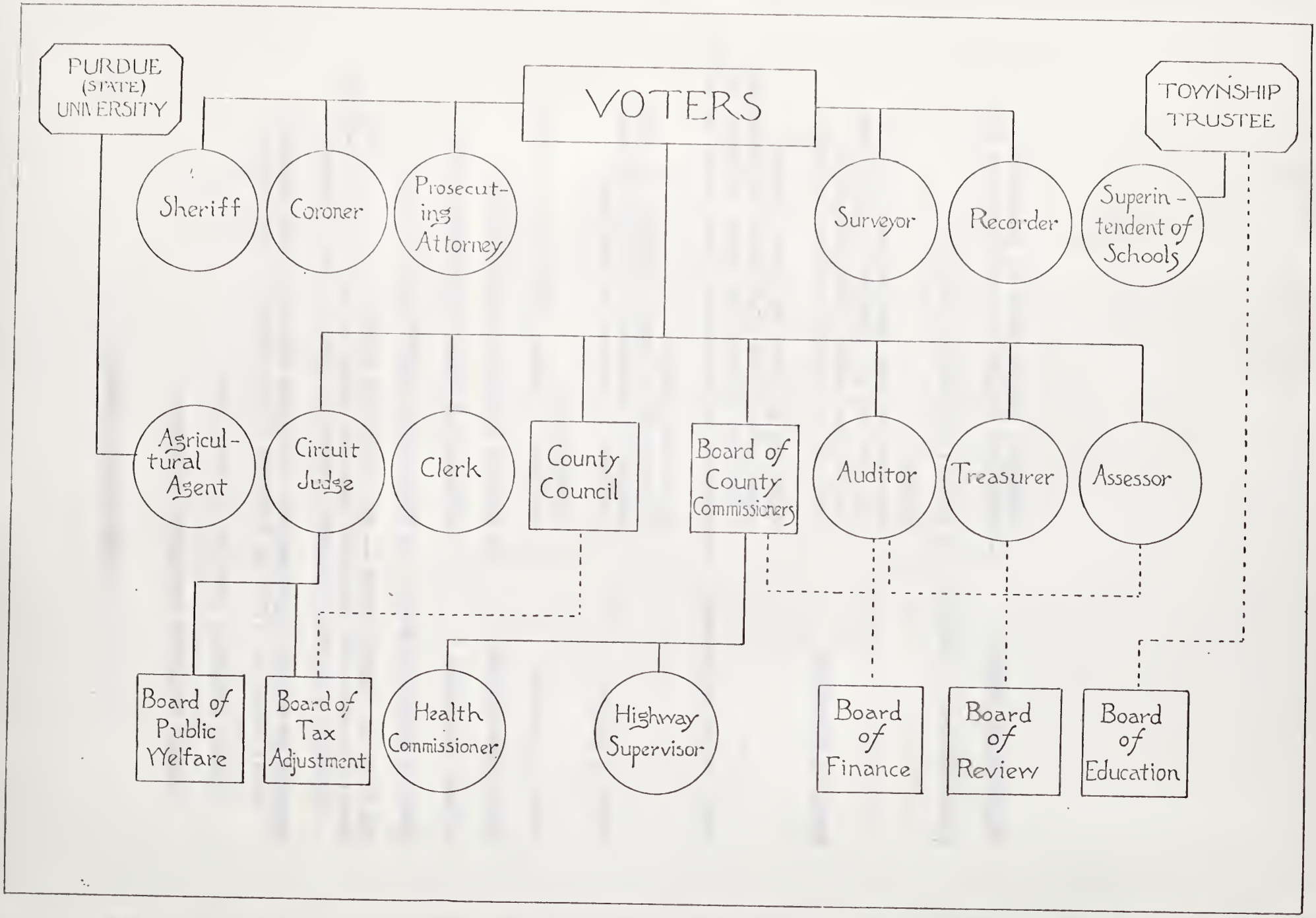
The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the General Assembly under the provisions

for each respective office. In 1832, a fire in the Clerk's and Recorder's offices of the Parke County Courthouse destroyed all of the records of these bureaus, with the exception of the marriage records of the Clerk's office. In many of the smaller offices no permanent records have been kept, therefore no survey could be made. Parke County followed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the State Board of Accounts which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (Acts 1909; Sec. 6-202, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners, except that a good quality is asked.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office from mutilation, the Board of County Commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (Acts 1888; Sec. 26-634, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Such records so transcribed have the force and effect of the original record. (Acts 1877; Sec. 26-635, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1925, a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the State Archives Bureau, for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not incurrent use in their offices. (Acts 1925; Sec. 63-830, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The Historical Records Survey will, in due time, submit sample forms of types of records now in use in the several bureaus of county government. From a study of these forms, a model arrangement may be organized for the uniform creation of public records, so that the records created daily may be preserved for posterity.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VOTERS
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Sheriff
Coroner
Prosecuting Attorney
Surveyor
Recorder
Superintendent of Schools
Agricultural Agent
Circuit Judge
Clerk
County Council
Board of County Commissioners
Auditor
Treasurer
Assessor
Board of Public Welfare
Board of Tax Adjustment
Health Commissioner
Highway Supervisor
Board of Finance
Board of Review
Board of Education

EXPLANATION OF CHART

Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council, and Judge of Circuit Court -- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare	-- Appointed by Judge, Circuit Court.
Highway Supervisor	-- Appointed by Board of Commissioners.
Health Commissioner	-- Elected by Board of Commissioners.
Board of Finance	-- Consists of County Commissioners; Auditor as secretary.
Board of Review	-- Composed of Assessor as president, Auditor as secretary, Treasurer and two freeholders of county appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.
Board of Tax Adjustment	-- Composed of one member of the County Council, a Township Trustee, the Mayor, a member of School Board, and three resident freeholders appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.
Board of Education	-- Composed of Township Trustees of Parke County, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Parke County.
Superintendent of Schools	-- Elected by Township Trustees.
Agricultural Agent	-- Appointed by Purdue University with approval of County Board of Education.

The Parke County courthouse, built in 1879, is a two-story structure of Bedford limestone. The building is 113' by 81' by 50', allowing 366,120 cubic feet of space. The bureaus of Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer are housed on the first floor. On the second floor are located the bureaus of Highway Supervisor, Board of Public Welfare, Superintendent of Schools, and Surveyor. In the basement are five "bum" rooms which house a large percentage of the county records.

Assessor

The Assessor's bureau, located in the northeast section of the first floor, measures 20' by 16¾' by 12½' with one door 16' by 3' and one window 16' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The atmospheric and temperature conditions are good. There are two wood cabinets occupied by 28' of bound volumes, with 16' of unbound records in 12" file boxes, which contain the records. There is no room for expansion. The lighting system is good. Two small tables are the only accommodations for users. Approximately 40% of the bureau's records are housed here; while 60% are in the "bum" room #3 in the basement.

Auditor

The Auditor's bureau, located in the northwest section of the first floor, comprises a main office and a small adjacent office. No records are housed in this adjacent office. The main office measures 30' by 26' by 20' with three windows 14' by 2½' and three doors 16' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all in fair condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the east, west, and south walls are located 1120' of steel shelving occupied with 490' of bound volumes and 36" file boxes with 620' of unbound records. There is no room for expansion. Good lighting is provided by electricity. Ten chairs, two tables, five desks, and one stool provide good accommodations for users. There are approximately 90% of the records in this room while 10% are in "bum" room #1 in basement.

Clerk

The Clerk's bureau, located in the southeast section of the first floor, measures 35' by 25' by 10' with three doors 14' by 3' and three windows 14' by 2½'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; and all are in fair condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the east, north, and west walls and in the center of room are 960' of steel shelving containing 37½' of bound volumes and 59½' of 18" and 36" file boxes

containing unbound records. There is plenty of room for expansion with present shelving. The lighting system is good. Four chairs and one desk provide good accommodations for users. Approximately 90% of this bureau's records are housed here and 10% are in basement.

Highway Supervisor

The Highway Supervisor's bureau, located in the southwest section of the second floor, measures 33' by 20' by 15' with one door 14' by 3' and five windows 14' by 2½'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the west wall are 160' of wood shelving of which 149' are bound volumes, and 11' of 14½" file boxes containing unbound records. There is room for expansion with new shelving. The lighting system is good. Ten chairs and eight tables afford good accommodations for users. All of this bureau's records are housed here; also 90% of the Surveyor's records.

Recorder

The Recorder's bureau, located in the east section of the first floor, adjacent to the Assessor's office, measures 30½' by 26½' by 20' with three doors 16' by 3' and three windows 12' by 2½'. The flooring is wood; walls and ceiling are plaster and are all in fair condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the east, south, and west walls are located 512' of wood and steel shelving, with 387' of bound volumes, and 125' of 14" file boxes containing unbound records.

There is ample room for expansion with new shelving. The lighting system is good. Three chairs and three tables afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 95% of this bureau's records are housed here, and 5% are in basement.

Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent of Schools' bureau, located in the northwest section of the second floor, measures 33' by 20' by 13' with one door 14' by 3' and five windows 14' by 2½'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster and are in fair condition. The atmospheric and ventilation conditions are good. Along the west wall are 320' of wood and steel shelving which have 160' of bound volumes and 140' of 24" file boxes of unbound records. There is room for expansion with present shelving. Four chairs and four tables afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 75% of this bureau's records are housed here while 25% are stored in the basement.

Sheriff

The Sheriff's office, located in the south section of the first floor, measures 22½' by 20' by 19½' with two doors 16' by 3' and two windows 16' by 2½'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster and are all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the north and west wall are 96' of wood shelving of which 5½' are occupied with bound volumes and 35' of 15" file boxes containing unbound records. There is plenty of room for expansion with

present shelving. The lighting system is good. A desk and tables furnish good accommodations for users. All of this bureau's records are housed here.

Surveyor

The Surveyor's office measures 20' by 16' by 12½' with one door 16' by 3' and one window 16' by 2½'. Most of the Surveyor's records are housed in the Highway Supervisor's office.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's bureau, located in the southwest section of the first floor, measures 32' by 30' by 20' with two doors 16' by 3' and seven windows 14' by 2½'. The walls and ceiling are plaster, and the flooring is wood; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. There are 96' of wood shelving along the east and west walls with 5' of bound volumes and 80' of unbound records containing the records. There is plenty of room for expansion with present shelving. The lighting system is good. Chairs and tables provide good accommodations for users. ~~There are~~ 75% of the records are housed here and 25% in the basement.

"Bum" Rooms

Room #1 comprising part of the Treasurer's bureau is located in the basement and measures 30' by 15' by 9', with four doors 6½' by 4'. The flooring is concrete; walls are brick, ceiling is metal; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are poor. Along the south side of the room are housed in 112' of wood shelving, 96' of bound volumes and 16' of unbound records. The room has plenty of space for new shelves. The lighting system is good. Approximately 10% of the Auditor's records and 5% of the Clerk's records are housed here.

Room #2 houses part of the Assessor's records, in the basement measures 24' by 12' by 9', with two doors 6½' by 4'. The flooring is concrete; walls are brick; ceiling is metal; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are fair. Along the north, west, and south walls are 440' of bound volumes on wood shelving. There is no room for expansion. The lighting system is good. Approximately 60% of the Assessor's bureau are housed here.

Room #3 houses part of the Clerk's records measures 30' by 15' by 9' with one window 4½' by 3' and one door 6½' by 4'. The flooring is concrete; walls are brick; ceiling is metal; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions ard fair. Along the east, north, and west walls are 400' of wood shelving which contain 400' of 11" file boxes of unbound records. There is room for expansion with new shelves. The lighting system is good. Two tables are the only accommodations for users. ~~There are~~ 10% of the Clerk's records are housed here.

Room #4, housing 25% of the Treasurer's records, measures 25' by 17' by 9' with two doors 6½' by 4' and two windows 4½' by 3'. The flooring is concrete; walls are brick; ceiling is metal; all are in good condition. The temperature is fair. Along the east, west, and north walls and south central part of the room are 246' of wood shelving which have 226' of bound volumes and 20' of unbound records located on the shelves. There is no room for expansion. The lighting system is fair. One table and a chair afford good accommodations for users.

Room #5, housing the unbound miscellaneous records, measures 9' by 5½' by 9' with one door 6½' by 4'. The flooring is concrete; walls are brick; ceiling is metal; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are poor. There are 80' of wood shelving along the north and south walls which contain 60' of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records located in 11" file boxes. Also there are 18' of miscellaneous papers housed on the shelves. There is no room for expansion. The lighting system is fair. Housed in this room are 5% of the Clerk's and 5% of the Commissioner's records.

The style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
Ann.	---- Annotated
Art.	Article
arr.	arranged
aver.	average
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
chron.	chronological or chronologically
C.C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
ib., ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
Infra	Below
NE.	Northeast
no.	number
nos.	numbers
NW.	Northwest
p., pp.	Page, pages
q.v.	Which see
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
Sec.	Section
SE.	Southeast

SW.	Southwest
Supra	Above
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
V., vol., vols.	Volume, volumes

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

Explanation to Inventory

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs; Title and description.

Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of;

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect title. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the typed of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume or of v. 1 only, the marking is omitted.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of indexing or arrangement.

3. Nature of recording.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location.

III. Cross references made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

The office of County (Agricultural) Agent was created by legislative enactment in 1913. The Act provides that this office shall come into existence only when twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture and domestic science, shall file a petition with the County Board of Education. The petition is then presented to the County Council, which provides appropriations for a salary, and expenses for the maintenance of this office. The Board of Education then applies to Purude University for the appointment of a County (Agricultural) Agent whose appointment is made annually. The Board of Education then ratifies the appointment made by Purdue. The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1913.

It is the duty of the County (Agricultural) Agent under the supervision of Purdue University, to cooperate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, to give advice to farmers, and aid the county Superintendent of Schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science (Acts 1912, 1927, and 1934; Sec. 28-4911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). By an act of 1931, the office of Home Demonstration Agent, which is supplemental to that of the County Agent, was created (Acts 1931, Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Proceedings and Reports

1. ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT, 1922--. 1 file drawer.

Annual report of extension work, made to Purdue University, showing activities, financial reports, and statistics. Arr. chron. 12 x 13 x 26. C.C., Agricultural Agent's extension office.

Proceedings and Reports(continued)

2. CARD INDEX, 1936. 1 file drawer.
Applications for conservation contracts, showing name and address of applicant for payment, no. of farms operated, and applicants' signature. Arr. alph. 3 x 5. C.C., conservation office.

3. WORK SHEETS, 1936. 2 file drawers.
Reports of crops harvested in 1935, showing farm location, name and address of operator, crop acreage, contract due, base acreage, and yield. Arr. alph.by operator. 12 x 13 x 26. C.C., Conservation office.

4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, 1935--. 5 file drawers.
Reports of womens clubs on recreational activities, such as community singing, jokes, contests, and social nights, showing activities of home economics clubs. Arr. chron. Handwritten and typed. 26 x 13 x 2. C.C., Home Demostration Agent's office.

5. HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION WORK, 1935--. 5 file boxes.
Reports of clubs on remodeling,painting and general redecoration of homes, showing home canning, baking, and farm home accounts. No index. andwritten and typed on printed form. 26 x 13 x 2. C.C., Home Demonstration Agent's office.

6. BOYS' 4-H CLUBS, 1935--. 1 file drawer.
Record of enrollment of members, showing club leader, list of projects, and no. of members. Arr. alph. by twp. 12 x 13 x 26. C.C., Agricultural Agent's extension office.

Proceedings and Reports(continued)

7. GIRLS. 4-H CLUBS, 1935--. 2 file drawers.

Reports of 4-H girls' club activities and home economics clubs. No index. Handwritten and typed on printed form. 26 x 13 x 12. C.C., Home Demonstration Agent's office.

Maps

8. PARKE COUNTY, 1936. 500 maps.

Maps of various farms in county with three acres or more. Drawn by Conservation Director. Published at Rockville, Ind. Black and white. Scale; 1" to 200 ft. 18 x 24. C.C., Conservation office.

II AUDITOR

The Auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The Auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-3003, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1841.

The Auditor is the clerk of the Board of Commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Parke County; keeps an account current with the Treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspector; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Sec. 49-3004 to 49-3018, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Audits and Reports

9. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT RECORD, 1900--. 11 vols. Record of appropriations and expenditures, showing name of fund, appropriation, date, and itemized list of expenditures. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 380 pp. 16 x 19 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

10. EXAMINERS' REPORT ON PUBLIC RECORDS, 1933--. 1 file box. Prior to 1933, missing.

Audits and Reports(continued)

Report of examiners of State Board of Accounts on public records of the several county officials. Arr. chron. Handwritten and typed. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

11. EXAMINERS' CERTIFICATE AND REPORTS, 1847-81. 3 file boxes. Report of School Superintendent to the Auditor concerning the teachers' institute. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

12. OFFICIALS' REPORTS ON FEES, 1921--. 2 file boxes. Report of county officials who collect fees, showing source and amount collected. Arr. chron. Handwritten. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

13. BOUNTY CERTIFICATES PAID, 1880-1925. 15 file boxes. Record of bounties paid for animal scalps and crows eggs. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., 11 file boxes, 1880-1921, basement; 4 file boxes, 1922-25, Auditor's office.

14. TRUSTEE'S LEVIES, (STATEMENTS), 1924--. 6 file boxes. Township trustees statements of the several twps. No index. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

15. TRUSTEE'S DOG TAX REPORTS, 1928--. 5 file boxes. Record of amount of dog taxes collected by the Assessor and turned over to the Auditor. No index. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Audits and Reports(continued)

16. ASSESSOR'S REPORTS, 1929--. 2 file boxes.
Annual report of dog taxes collected, amt. paid out, and the balance on hand. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Taxes

Appraisements

17. TRANSFER BOOK, 1838--. 251 vols.
Record of owners of real property, transferred, and, to whom, showing name, description and value of property, and date of transfer. Index alph. by owner. Handwritten. Condition fair. 240 pp. 18 x 17 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

18. TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE, 1936. 1 file box.
Affidavits of heirs, asking transfer of property where the deceased did not leave a will, showing description of property and name of heir. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Returns

19. RECORD OF MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1905--. 12 vols. (2-13).
v. 1, prior to 1905, missing.
Record of tax exemptions on mortgaged property, showing date, mortgagor, description of land, assessed value, and amount of mortgage. No index. Handwritten. 148 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

Taxes-- Returns(continued)

20. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1924--. 32 file boxes.
Affidavits, showing mortgage on property for purpose of getting a tax exemption for part of the property, as allowed by law. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

21. SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS, 1921--. 5 file boxes.
Record of soldiers, sailors, or their widows who are receiving mortgage exemptions on their property tax. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

22. RECORDS FOR FOREST RESERVATION, 1903-33. 1 vol.
A record of land set aside as a forest reservation, showing description, owner, and certificate of Auditor. Indexed alph. by owner. Handwritten. 240 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

23. TAX CERTIFICATES AND RECEIPTS, 1930--. 6 file boxes.
Paid tax certificates, receipts of sale, and notice of sale of property. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Lists

24. ASSESSMENT LISTS, 1881--. 1,564 vols.
Record of schedule of assessments of personal property, showing name, occupation, wife's name, and oath or affirmation. Indexed alph. by party assessed. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 350 pp. 14 x 9 x 2¼. C.C., 1350 vols., 1881-1929, basement; 214 vols., 1930--, Auditor's office.

Taxes --Lists(continued)

25. ASSESSOR'S ROLL BOOK, 1833--. 1280 vols.
Record of assessment on real and personal property, showing owner, description of property and value. Indexed alph. by owner. Handwritten. Condition fair. 100 pp. 18 x 11 x ½. C.C., 899 vols., 1833-1918, basement; 381 vols., 1919--, Auditor's office.

26. STATE TAX BOARD ASSESSMENTS, 1929--. 3 file boxes.
Record of tax assessments on inter state industries, showing amount due, industry, valuation of property, net value of property, value of improvements, and total valuation for taxation. Arr. chron. Handwritten. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Plat Books

26. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1836-1932. 304 vols.
Record contains plats of the congressional twps., showing owner and description of property. No index. Handwritten. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x ½. C.C., 230 vols., 1836-1915, basement; 74 vols., 1919-1932, Auditor's office.

School Funds

27. INVENTORY OF TRUST OR SCHOOL FUNDS, 1872--. 1 vol.
Record of common and congressional school fund loans, showing no. of loan, date and amount, amount repaid, total of unpaid loans, interest due, and amount represented by forfeited lands. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 320 pp. 16 x 17 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

For earlier records, see entry 25.

School Funds(continued)

28. RECEIPTS FOR TRUST FUNDS, 1852-1901. 14 file boxes. Duplicate receipts issued for money received on school fund, showing liquor tax, surplus dog tax, and forfeitures. No index. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

29. SCHOOL FUND APPLICATIONS, 1894-1908. 8 file boxes. Applications for school fund loans secured by mortgages on real property, showing name, date, amount, and description of property. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

30. REGISTER OF LOANS OF SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS, 1871--. 6 vols. Record of school trust funds, showing no. and amount, name and address of mortgagor, from what fund, date of maturity, security, interest, and principal. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

For earlier records, see entry 31.

31. SCHOOL FUND LEDGER, 1854-78. 2 vols. (C, and 1 vol., not numbered).

Record of status of school fund loans, showing no. and amount, name and address of mortgagor, loan date, maturity date, security, rate of interest, and principal. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1854-70, basement; 1 vol., 1864-71, Auditor's office.

For record, see entry no. 30.

32. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUNDS, BALANCE AND DISTRIBUTION, 1915--. 1 vol.

School Funds(continued)

Record of management of common and congressional school funds, showing how funds were distributed for each township and corporation, how income is spent, receipts, and balance. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

Bonds and Official Bonds

33. REGISTER OF BONDS, 1875--. 2 vols. (I-II).
Record of bonds issued for public purchase, showing where payable, date of coupons, number of each bond, party paid, date redeemed, and total amounts. Arr. chron. Handwritten. Condition fair. 238 pp. 19 x 16 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1875-1913, basement; 1 vol., 1913--, Auditor's office.

34. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S AND ASSESSOR'S BOND RECORD, 1908--. 2 vols.
Record of official bonds posted by twp. trustees and Assessors, showing names, amounts, dates, and oaths of office. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 126 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Receipts and Disbursements

35. CONDENSED LEDGER, RECEIPTS AND BALANCE BOOK, 1861--. 22 vols.
Record of receipts and disbursements, showing balances, and financial estates of all money handled by Auditor. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. C.C., 7 vols., 1861-97, basement; 15 vols., 1897--, Auditor's office.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

36. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1911--. 3 vols.
Record of fees and cash received, showing name of party, date, kind of fee, total for day, and amount paid to Treasurer. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

37. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1911--. 12 vols.
Record of warrants issued, showing date and number, amount, on what account, to whom drawn, claim number, and date received. Arr. chron. 1911-1919, handwritten; 1920--, typed. 320 pp. 17 x 16 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

38. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1890--. 36 file boxes.
Receipts of money paid to school teachers for services and supplies. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., 30 file boxes, 1890-1929, basement; 6 file boxes, 1930--, Auditor's office.

Maps

39. PARKE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing congressional and civil twps., sections of land, names and locations of school houses and churches, town and village streams, railroads, and highways. Drawn by E. V. Burton. Published in Parke County. Black and white, printed. Scale; 1½" to 1 mile. 45 x 36. C.C., Auditor's office.

40. TOWNSHIPS OF PARKE COUNTY, 1900. 13 maps.
Communications map, showing description and detail of roads in each twp. Blue print. Condition fair. Scale; 4½" to 1 mile. Sizes vary. C.C., Auditor's office.

III CLERK

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-2701, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office. He keeps a set of dockets for all county courts such as appearance, bar, judgment, and execution. He also keeps an order and final record book. He attends the sessions of the Circuit Court and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees of the court; keeps a complete record of all causes where the title to land is involved, and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1859, 1867, 1875, 1879 Special Session, 1929, and 1933; Sec. 49-2701 to 49-2725, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Circuit Court

The Circuit Court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The sixty-eighth circuit comprises Parke County. The inception date of this court in Parke County 1821.

The judge of the Circuit Court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and of settlement of decedent's estates, and of guardianships. It has appellate jurisdiction in certain cases from Justice of Peace Courts. (Acts 1881; Sec. 4-303, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Circuit Court(continued)

Change of Venue

41. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1910--. 1 vol.
Change of venue record showing transfer of cases from one county to another, cause no., date of filing, date of trial, and disposition. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 578 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

Civil and Criminal Causes

42. CIVIL AND STATE CAUSES, 1833--. 854 file boxes.
Briefs of civil and State cases, showing date, court term, and parties involved. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

43. INSANITY REPORTS, 1863-1927. 7 file boxes.
Certificates of physicians and justices of the peace in relation to insane persons, and proceedings of the case, showing parties involved, age, date of action, and decision regarding committal to institution for treatment. Arr. chron. C.C., 4 file boxes, 1863-99, basement storeroom, no. 3; 3 file boxes, 1899-1927, Clerk's main office.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTENTIONS, (TO BECOME U. S. CITIZENS), 1854--. 5 vols. (1, 4-7). V. 2, 3, 1880-1907, missing.
Record of aliens who have ~~been~~ declared intentions of becoming citizens, showing date, name, date of arrival in U.S., and signature of applicant. Indexed alph. by alien. 1854-80, handwritten; 1880--, typed. Condition fair. 250 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

Circuit Court-- Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

45. PETITION AND NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1888-1934. 5 vols. (2-6). V. 1, prior to 1888, missing.

A record of petitions for citizenship, showing name, date granted, name of judge, history of petitioner, and the oath of allegiance. Indexed alph. by petitioner. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2¼. C.C., Clerk's office.

46. INFORMATION RECORD, (INDICTMENTS), 1888-1913. 1 vol.

Record of persons indicted and prosecuted, showing name of person, nature of indictment, and remarks. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 640 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

47. WITNESS BOOK, 1875--. 2 vols. (1,3). V. 2, 1890-1913, missing.

Record of witnesses called in proceedings before the court, showing cause title, names of witnesses, date of case, fees, oath, and days of service. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 600 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. C.C., 1 vol., 1875-1890, basement; 1 vol., 1913--, Clerk's office.

Court Proceedings

48. ENTRY DOCKET, 1872-1912. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of cases filed with the court, showing names of attorneys, parties to action, kind of action, dates of filing, and issuing. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 460 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

Circuit Court-- Court Proceedings(continued)

49. ISSUE DOCKET, 1865-1911. 20 vols. (1-20).
Record of proceedings in cases before the court and their disposition, showing names of attorneys, parties, kind of action, filing date, and Sheriff's return. 15 vols., 1865-1903, no index; 5 vols., 1903-1911, indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. C.C., basement.

For later records, see entry 50.

50. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1912--. 20 vols. (1-20).
Record of court proceedings, showing fees, and reference to order books. Indexed alph. by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 293 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

For prior records, see entry 49.

51. COURT DOCKET, 1840-1907. 21 vols. (1-21).
Complete record of the proceedings of cases before the court, showing names of attorneys, parties to the case, kind of action, date of filing, and Sheriff's return. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., basement.

52. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT AND COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853--. 58 vols. (1-58). Title varies.
Record of proceedings of all cases before the court, showing plaintiff, defendants, claims, and costs. Indexed alph. by defendant. 1853-1910, handwritten; 1910--, typed. 602 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. C.C., Clerk's office.

Circuit Court-- Court Proceedings(continued)

53. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1831--. 10 vols. (1-10).
Record of judgments and their disposition, showing attorneys, parties, against whom rendered, amount, costs, date, if satisfied, and signature of plaintiff. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 638 pp. 18 x 12 x 3½. C.C., Clerk's office.

Execution Dockets

54. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1833--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Complete record of the proceedings of cases before the court and their disposition, showing date of issuance, kind of writ, defendant, judgment, damages, interest, costs, date of decree, and procedure of execution. Indexed alph. by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 584 pp. 18 x 12½ x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

55. EXECUTION DOCKET AND SALE RECORD, 1833--. 4 vols. (1,6-8). Vols. 2-5, 1842-76, missing.
Record of judgments, showing all details and action taken, date of issuance, kind of writ, parties, debt, damages, interest, costs, date of judgment or decree, officer's return, and record of execution. Indexed alph. by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 598 pp. 18½ x 13 x 3½. C.C., Clerk's office.

56. EXECUTIONS RETURNED, 1832--. 68 file boxes.
Sheriff's reports on executions of judgments, showing parties, date,

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costs, and kind of action. Arr. chron. Condition fair. C.C., 56 boxes, 1832-1922, basement; 12 boxes, 1922--, Clerk's office.

57. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1881--. 1 vol.
Record of execution levies by Sheriff on court judgments, showing date, name of plaintiff, amount of judgment, purchaser and assignment. Indexed alph. by purchaser and former owner. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

58. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1912--. 1 vol.
Record of orders of the court to pay support money to the family of the defendant, showing cause no., name of payer, payee, amount paid, duration of payments, signature of payee. Handwritten on printed form. 428 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

59. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1877-1931. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record serving as constructive notice, that a designated piece of property has been redeemed during the year of redemption as prescribed by law, showing name of purchaser, legal description of property, and amount paid. Indexed alph. by property owner. Handwritten on printed form. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

Probate Causes

60. INDEX TO ESTATES, 1832-1921. 1 vol.
Index to both bound and unbound records where details of and estate, maybe found, showing name of decedent, administrators, executors, guardians,

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wards, sureties, amount of bond, date of letters, order book, fee book, petition to sell, appearance docket, inventory record, sale bill record, bond record, account current record, complete record, will record, and date of discharge. Indexed alph. by decedent. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

61. PROBATE CAUSES, 1853--. 566 file boxes.
Administrator's and executor's reports for settlement of estate, showing parties, judgments, and costs. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 4 x 5 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

62. WILL RECORD, 1833--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of copy of last will and testament of deceased, and disposition of property, showing date and names of witnesses. Index alph. by testator. Handwritten on printed form. 578 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

63. WILLS AND TESTAMENTS, 1846--. 6 file boxes.
Copies of wills and testaments, showing parties, amount of estate, and distribution of same. No index. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

For earlier records, see entry 62.

64. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, 1844--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of bonds, given by administrators appointed by the Probate Court to administer estates of intestate decedents, to insure honest performance of duties, showing name, date, amount of bond, decedent, and certificate of Clerk. Indexed alph. by decedent and administrator.

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Handwritten. Condition fair. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. C.C., 5 vols. 1844-1935, Clerk's record room; 1 vol. 1935--, Clerk's office.

64 a. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, 1834--. 8 file boxes.
Bonds, given by administrators appointed by the Probate Court to administrator. estates of intestate decedents, to insure honest performance of duties, showing names, date, amount of bond, and certificate of Clerk. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

65. GUARDIANS' BOND BOOK, 1853--. 7 vols. (1-7).
Record of bonds furnished by guardians appointed by the court, showing name of guardian, date, amount of bond, sureties, ward, and date of birth. Indexed alph. by ward and guardian. Handwritten on printed form. 574 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

65 a. GUARDIANS' BONDS, 1857--. 8 file boxes.
Guardians' bonds and oaths, showing name, date, ward, amount of bond, sureties, and date of birth of ward. No index. 4 x 6. C.C., Clerk's office.

66. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, 1871--. 11 vols.
Record of inventories taken of deceased persons' personal property and debts of the estates, showing name of decedent, one who made inventory, appraisers, and itemized list of personal property. Indexed alph. by decedent. Handwritten on printed form. 570 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

67. RECORD OF SALES BILLS, 1852--. 7 vols. (1-7).
Record of settlement of estates, showing name of deceased, auctioneer, list

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of articles, amount sold, to whom sold, and cash or security. Indexed alph. by deceased. 1852-1915, 1924--, handwritten; 1915-24, typed. 576 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

Proceedings in Probate Causes

68. ESTATE ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1895--. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of the settlement of estates of deceased persons, showing name of decedent, date of death, administrator or executor, amount of bond, name of sureties, inventory and appraisment, sale bill, and reference claim. Indexed alph. by decedent. Handwritten. 294 pp. 19 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

69. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1853--. 9 vols. (1-6, 2 sets; 1-3).

Record of proceedings in guardian and ward matters, showing papers and letters filed, date of letters, name and date of birth of ward, name of guardian, amount of bond, sureties, date of filing, and location of order book. Indexed alph. by guardian. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

70. GUARDIAN'S FEE BOOK, 1868-92. 1 vol.

Record of guardian's fees charged for services, showing names of parties and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by guardian and ward. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 432 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

Circuit Court-- Proceedings in Probate Causes(continued)

71. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT AND COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853--.
32 vols. Titles varies.

Record of court proceedings, showing term of court, name of judge, decedent, executor or administrator, beneficiaries, claims, costs, and signature of judge. Indexed alph. by administrator or executor. 1853-1915, handwritten; 1916--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

72. COMPLETE RECORD CIRCUIT AND COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1833-1912.
37 vols. (1-20, 1-9, 1-6, 4, 9).

Record of probate proceedings in the court, showing orders of sale, inventories, appraisements, and amount of bond, notary seal, signature, appraiser's signatures, dates and reports of sales. Indexed alph. by decedent. Handwritten on printed form. 660 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

Juvenile Causes

73. JUVENILE COURT DOCKET, 1911. 1 vol.

Record of proceedings, showing defendant, parents or guardian, name and address of party or institution, taking care of child. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 162 pp. 16 x 20 x 1. C.C., Clerk's office.

Officials Bonds

74. INDEX TO OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1889-1912. 1 vol.

Index to official bonds required of county officials to insure honest performance of duties, showing name of official, sureties,

Official Bonds (continued)

nature of bond, date of bond, penalty, and bond record. Indexed alph. by official. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

75. COUNTY OFFICERS' BONDS, 1892--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds required of county officials to insure the honest performance of their duties as imposed by law, showing name of official, date, amount of bond, sureties, and notary seal. Indexed alph. by official. Handwritten on printed form. 410 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

76. CONSTABLE'S BOND, 1890-1931. 1 vol.

Record of constable's bond insuring the honest performance of his duties, showing person bonded, date, amount of bond, and sureties. Indexed alph. by person bonded. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 428 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

Elections

77. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS, 1918--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of absentee voters, showing date of application, name of voter, home address, date of mailing ballot, destination, date ballot was marked by voter, date ballot was received, and voting place where ballot was delivered by twp. and precinct. Handwritten on printed form. 474 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

78. ELECTION RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of votes cast in the primary, special, and general elections by

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by precincts, twp. and county; minutes of county election commissioners. Arr. chron. 1890-1922, handwritten; 1922--, typed. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1¾. C.C.,Clerk's office.

79. ELECTION RETURNS, 1834--. 62 boxes.
Statistics of votes cast in the several precincts. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., 60 boxes, 1834-1926, basement; 2 boxes, 1926--, Clerk's office.

80. RAILROAD ELECTION RETURNS, 1869-89. 8 file boxes.
Railroad election returns, showing votes for and against appropriations for a railroad in county. No index. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Licenses

Marriage

81. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1833--. 25 vols.
Record of marriages, showing name of applicants, date of birth, and statements of privious marriages. Indexed alph. by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 588 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C.,Clerk's office.

82. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATIONS, 1833--. 29 file boxes.
Certificates of marriage, and applications for license. Arr. chron. 42 x 6 x 10. C.C., 25 boxes, 1833-1925,basement; 4 boxes, 1925--, Clerk's office.

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Professional

83. RECORD OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, 1881--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies. Record of physician's licenses issued for right to practice, showing name, place of birth, address, certificate by Clerk, and copy of physician's certificate. Indexed alph. by physician. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 296 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1881-85, basement; 2 vols., 1885--, Clerk's office.

84. DENTIST'S LICENSE, 1899-1918. 2 vols. (1-2). Record of licenses issued to dentists and copies of dentist's certificates issued by State Board of Dental Examiners, showing name, place of birth, present address, and record of dentist's qualifications. Indexed alph. by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 64 pp. 16 x 10 x ½. C.C., Clerk's office.

85. OPTOMETRY LICENSE RECORD, 1907-15. 1 vol. Record of licenses issued to practice optometry, showing name, date, and statement by Clerk. Indexed alph. by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 132 pp. 14 x 9 x ¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

Business

86. POULTRY LICENSE, 1917-25. 1 vol. Record of licenses issued to poultry dealers, showing name of corporation or firm, corporation officers, and firm members. Index alph. by dealer. Handwritten. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x ½. C.C., Clerk's office.

Licenses-- Business(continued)

87. JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE RECORD, 1905--. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to junk dealers, showing name, business location, and date. Arr. alph. by dealer. Handwritten on printed form. 178 pp. 14 x 9 x 1¼. C.C., Clerk's office.

88. APPLICATION FOR SIRE LICENSE, 1890-1913. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to stock breeders, showing owner, description of sire, oath of applicant, and date of license. Indexed alph. by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 238 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. C. C., Clerk's office.

Certificates

Professional

89. RECORD OF APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY, 1901-04. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to veterinarians, showing name, name of Clerk, certificate of five years experience of applicant, or diploma of applicant. Indexed alph. by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. C.C., Clerk's office.

Business

90. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1876-1926. 1 vol.
Record of all insurance agents in county, showing name of agent, company, and remarks. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1¼. C. 6., Clerk's office.

Certificates--Business(continued)

91. INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1890-1914. 10 file boxes.
Certificates issued to insurance agents of certain companies, giving them license to operate in county. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

92. CERTIFICATES OF FIRMS AND CO-PARTNERSHIPS, 1909--. 1 vol.
Record of all firms and company partnerships, showing firm names, address, members of firm, and date certified. Indexed alph. by firm. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1¼. C.C., Clerk's office.

93. LOCAL PARTNERSHIP, 1909--. 1 file box.
Papers stating names of firms and partnership members, showing names, addresses, and date of beginning of partnership or firm. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

Registers

94. OFFICIAL OATHS, 1870--. 1 vol.
Record of oaths and signatures of various county officials before taking office. Indexed alph. by official. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 568 pp. 17 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Clerk's office.

95. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1910--. 1 vol.
Record of qualifications of trained nurses in county, showing date, name, and residence. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 398 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

96. ESTRAY RECORD, 1833-99. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of stray animals in county, showing date, description of animal,

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and name of justice of the peace reporting the estray. Arr. chron. Handwritten. Condition fair. 249 pp. 14 x 8 x 5. C.C., basement.

97. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDERS, 1886--. 4 file boxes.
Record of soldiers residing in county, showing enrollment services and conditions. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

98. INHERITANCE TAX, 1926--. 16 file boxes.
Appraisements for inheritance taxes, showing dates, and location of property appraised. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 10. C.C., Clerk's office.

Receipts and Disbursements

99. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1879--. 12 vols.
(1-4, 1-5, and 3 vols. not numbered).
Record of money received and paid out, showing date, source, amount paid out, purpose, and balance. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

The Board of Commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Parke County had a Board of Commissioners prior to 1852 which was provided for in the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Board of Commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of the county, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 Special Session, 1885, 1897, 1913, and 1929; Sec. 26-601 to 26-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Court Proceedings

Claims and Allowances

100. COMMISSIONER'S RECORD, 1833--. 28 vols.

Record of the minutes of meetings of the Commissioners. Indexed alph. by subject. 1833-1908, handwritten; 1908--, typed. 500 pp. 12 x 8 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Court Proceedings-- Claims and Allowances(continued)

101. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES, COMMISSIONER'S DOCKET, 1872-1933. 15 vols.

Record of claims considered and allowed, showing date, amount allowed, and on what account. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 630 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

102. COMMISSIONER'S CLAIM ALLOWANCES, 1833--. 460 file boxes.

Record of claims and allowances for labor and supplies supplied to county. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 9 x 5 x 4. C.C., 290 file boxes, 1833-1916, basement; 170 file boxes, 1917--, Auditor's office.

103. STANDARD OIL CLAIMS, 1929--. 8 file boxes.

Statements for supplies purchased from the Standard Oil Company, for the county roads department. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

104. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCE FOR POOR RELIEF AND MEDICAL ATTENTION, 1897--. 2 vols.

Record of money allowed and expended on poor relief, showing date, name of person receiving aid, and twp. of his residence. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 154 pp. 16 x 11 x 1¼. C.C., Auditor's office.

105. TOWNSHIP POOR CLAIMS, 1910--. 67 file boxes.

Receipts, certificates, and statements of expenditures for all purposes. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 14. C.C., Auditor's office.

106. OLD AGE PENSION APPLICATIONS, 1933--. 3 file boxes.

Applications for old age pensions, showing name, date, address, birth, and

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signature of Auditor. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

107. OLD AGE PENSION RECORD, 1933--. 2 vols.
Record of old age pensions, showing application, name, address, and date of birth. Indexed alph. by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Bids and Contracts

108. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.
Complete record of the proceedings of Commissioner's meetings in matters of letting contracts. Indexed alph. by bidder. Handwritten. 200 pp. 14 x 14 x 1¾. C.C., Auditor's office.

109. BIDS REJECTED, 1904-33. 18 file boxes.
Bids received and rejected. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

110. ASYLUM REPORTS AND BIDS, 1872--. 8 file boxes.
Reports and bids received for supplies to be used by county asylum, showing name of bidder, what bid on, and amount. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., Auditor's office.

Road Records

111. ROAD RECORD, 1833-74. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of all roads in county, showing petitions for roads, vacated and changed roads, and all details in regard to them. Indexed alph. by petitioner, in separate volume.

Court Proceedings--Road Records(continued)

Handwritten on printed form. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

112. ROAD RECORD INDEX, 1833-74. 2 vols.

Index referring to page number in a series of books entitled "Road Record", showing name of petitioner, name of road, place of starting and ending. Arr. alph. by petitioner. Handwritten. 52 pp. 18 x 12 x ½. C.C., Auditor's office.

The office of Coroner was created by the Constitution of Indiana. He is elected at the regular election and serves a term of two years. There is no prohibition as to the number of times he can be re-elected. The Coroner is required to post a five thousand dollar bond to insure the faithful performance of his duties. (Indiana Const. 1851, Art. 6, Sec. 2.) The office of Coroner was in existence before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Coroner is required to investigate violent deaths and deaths of suspicious means. He performs the duties of the Sheriff when the Sheriff is absent or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 Special Sessions, and 1933; Sec. 49-2901 to 49-2915, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

113. CERTIFICATE OF DEATH, 1931--. 1 bundle.
Certificates of death, showing name, place of birth, cause of death, name before marriage, and residence. No index. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 12 x 16 . ~~Located at~~ O. D. Switzer's residence, Rockville, Ind., Route. no. 1.

In 1899 the legislature created the County Council. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The Council elects its own president and the County Auditor acts as its clerk. The County Sheriff is required to execute the orders of the Council. (Acts 1899: Sec. 26-501 and 2, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Parke County is 1899.

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested in the Council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-515, Bunns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-520, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Sec. 26-521, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899; 1921, 1929; Sec. 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more shall take place without authorization of the Council (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-534, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

114. COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, 1899--. . 2 vols.

Minutes of council meetings in all sessions, showing tax levies made at the annual September meeting. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

The Board of Parke County Commissioners constitutes the Board of Finance. The Auditor acts as secretary. The board may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation. The inception date of this board in Parke County is 1907.

The Board of Finance has charge of and controls the funds of Parke County (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-606, Burns', Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Board of Finance selects the depository for county funds. It approves the purchase of U. S. Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the U. S. Government. It invites proposals to receive public funds on deposit, receives proposals, and creates and revokes depositories. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Sec. 61-610 to 61-613-61-607, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The General Assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the "Depository Act of 1935," re-established the Board of Finance practically unaltered (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-628, 61-631 to 61-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

115. COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol.
Record of the organization, and proceedings of the board, showing dates of meetings, and management of public funds. Arr. chron. 1907-11, 1919--, handwritten; 1912-18, typed. 292 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of Health Commissioner was created. ~~He~~ It is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. The inception date of the records in this office in Parke County is 1891. From 1882 until 1891, the records were kept by the County Board of Health, composed of the township trustees, a Mayor, the common council of each city in the county, and the Board of County Commissioners. After the establishment of the Health Commissioner, the board was abolished.

It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, wherever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold examinations of pupils in the various schools of Parke County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

116. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1902--. 7 vols.

Record of births, showing name, no. in order of birth, father, post-office address, color or race, father's age, birthplace, and occupation, mother's name, number of children she has, physician, midwife or house-keeper, and date of physician's return. Indexed alph. by child's name. Handwritten on printed form. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Dr. Ira J. Gill's residence, Rosedale, Ind.

117. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1889--. 11 vols.

Record of marriages, showing ages of male and female, color, race, male's occupation and residence, if married before, names of father and mother, and name of minister. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 288 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Dr. Ira Gill's residence, Rosedale, Ind.

118. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1889--. 5 vols.

Record of persons who have had a contagious disease, showing name, age, sex, color, address of parents, by whom reported, address of reporter, and date of quarantine. Indexed alph. by patient. Handwritten on printed form. 238 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Dr. Ira Gill's residence, Rosedale, Ind.

119. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1882--. 7 vols.

Record of persons who have died, showing date of birth, single or married, widowed or divorced, name of husband or wife, birthplace of parents, mother's maiden name, certificate of death, cause, physician's address, burial place, and undertaker. Indexed alph. by deceased. Handwritten on printed form. 238 pp. 18 x 12 x 1¼. Dr. Ira Gill's residence, Rosedale, Ind.

120. RECORD--DOINGS (ACTIVITIES) OF COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER, 1882-1926. 1 vol. 1882-Jan. 15, 1889, titled, Proceedings of Meetings of Board of Health.

Minutes of meetings of Board of Health constitutes the first part of volume; to persons suspected of having a contagious disease, the second part. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 358 pp. 16 x 12 x 1¼. Dr. Ira Gill's residence, Rosedale, Ind.

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the Superintendent of Highways who was appointed by the County Commissioners for a term of four years, and some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913, and abolished March 1, 1933; and the powers and duties given to the Surveyor (Acts 1913, 1933; Sec. 36-1113, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the Surveyor can give, the Board of Commissioners has the right to employ any person other than the Surveyor as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the Highway Supervisor (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The Board of Commissioners of Parke County has appointed a separate Highway Supervisor. The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1933.

The Highway Supervisor has general supervision of the repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Secs. 36-1101 to 36-1109, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

121. LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR FREE GRAVEL ROAD REPAIR, 1915--. 15 vols.

Record of free gravel road repairs, showing costs of same, date, employees, hours worked, rate per hour, amount for labor and material, and total cost. Arr. by road districts. Handwritten. 350 pp. 17 x 16 x 3. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

122. PARKE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.
Political communication's map, showing congressional and political townships, sections of land, railroads, highways, streams, cities, and villages. Published at Chicago, Ill., by Standard Map Co. Printed and colored. Scale; 1" to 1 mile. 28 x 38. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

122a. PARKE COUNTY, 1923. 1 map.
Political, communications, and physical map, showing marsh lands, wet uplands, overflow lands, levee water sheds, type of ditches, townships, towns, cities, and highways. Published by Indiana Department of Conservation. Printed, black and white. Scale; 1" to 1 mile. 30 x 33. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

X BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The Board of Public Welfare of Parke County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board is appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1118, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Parke County is 1936.

Subject to the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare, the county board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State Department of Public Welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind.

Thw director, who is appointed by the Board of Public Welfare of Parke County under the supervision of the Circuit Court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (Acts 1936; Secs. 52-1119, 52-1120, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

A Board of Childrens' Guardians, which was established in 1889 to care for neglected children, was abolished by the 1936 act and jurisdiction was transferred to the Board of Public Welfare (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1121, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

1 126. APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS, 1936. 2 file drawers.

Applications for old age pensions, showing record of applicant, case number, information from relatives, and reports to State board. Arr. numerically by case no. 12 x 13 x 36. C.C., Welfare office.

127. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR BLIND, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Applications for financial assistance for blind persons, showing date, case no., reports of physician, and applicant's report to State. Arr. numerically by case no. 12 x 13 x 26. C.C., Welfare office.

128. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Applications for financial assistance for dependent children, showing child's name and address, person receiving application, number, and date received. Arr. numerically by case no. 12 x 13 x 26. C.C., Welfare office.

129. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN OLD AGE, BLIND, AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of financial assistance given, showing name and address of recipient, amount paid, date, age, and certificate no. Arr. numerically by case no. Handwritten on printed form. 240 pp. 8 x 14 x 2½. C.C., Welfare office.

130. ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE FOR OLD AGE, DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND BLIND, 1936--. 1 vol.

Schedule of allowances made for financial assistance to old aged persons,

The Recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Sec. 49-3201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

It is his duty to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments, of whatever kinds, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 Special Session, 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Sec. 49-3203 to 49-3235, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

133. DEED RECORDS, 1833--. 101 vols. (1-101).
Record of deeds given in the county, and of real property, showing location boundaries, if rural, location as to town, range, county and State, dimensions in rods and acres, lot number, seal of notary, date when made, recording date and names of grantor and grantee. Indexed alph. by grantor and grantee. 1833-1908, handwritten; 1909--, typed. 580 pp. 13 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's office.

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134. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1833--. 26 vols. (A, 1-25).

Index to deed records, showing grantor and grantee, kind of deed, date, amount of consideration for conveyance, and description of property. Indexed alph. by grantor and grantee. Handwritten on printed form. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

135. RELIEF COURT RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERPETUATING TESTIMONY, 1833-78. 1 vol.

Record of legal process in establishing ownership of property, the deeds to which were destroyed in fire of 1833, showing appointment by court of a relief commissioner to aid in reestablishment of deeds destroyed. No index. Handwritten. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

136. DEEDS, 1833--. 52 file boxes. (2 sets, A-Z).

Copies of deeds, showing grantor and grantee, amount of property, location, and date of recording. Indexed alph. by grantee. 4 x 5 x 9. C.C., Recorder's office.

137. SHERIFF'S DEEDS, DECREES, JUDGMENTS, 1867-88. 2 vols. (2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of property sold by Sheriff by order of court to pay judgment claim as result of mortgage foreclosure proceedings. Indexed alph. by mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 286 pp. 11 x 18 x 1¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

138. CEMETERY DEED RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of deeds for the conveyance of cemetery plots, showing location,

Deeds, Titles, and Grantes (continued)

description, amount paid, and grantor and grantee. Indexed alph. by grantor and grantee. 1925-28, typed; 1928--, handwritten. 424 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's office.

139. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of quiet title deeds established by courts, and recorded by Recorder, showing date ownership established, description of real estate, no. of acres, twp. section, range, and name of owner. Arr. chron. Typed. 414 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

For earlier records, see entry 133.

140-141. INDEX TO TRANSCRIPTS TO QUIET TITLE, 1911--. 1 vol.
Index of transcripts to quiet title cases, showing name of plaintiff, date of filing transcript, date of decree, date recorded, and reference to page number. Indexed alph. by plaintiff. Handwritten. 600 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

142. ENTRIES OF LAND, 1820-68. 1 vol.
Record of land entries of the county in U. S. land office, showing section of land, acres, name of purchaser, residence, and date of purchase. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's office.

Mortgages and Releases

143. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1846--. 61 vols. (1-61).
Record of mortgage on real property, showing mortgagor and mortgagee,

Liens

153. SIRE LIEN RECORD, 1891-1928. 1 vol.

Record of lien on colt insuring payment for services for breeding purposes, showing sire owner, sire name and name and description of mare, owner, and date of service. Indexed alph. by sire owner. Handwritten. Condition fair. 560 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

Registers of Legal Instruments

154. ENTRY BOOK, 1854--. 24 vols. (4-27). Vols. 1-3, prior to 1854, missing.

Record of instruments ~~recorded~~, showing date of entry, grantor and grantee, type of instrument, amount of consideration, description and location of property, number of volume, page number to which it is referred for details, and recording fee. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 323 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

155. LEASE RECORD, 1865-73. 1 vol.

Record of leases made monthly for mining privileges, showing details of the lease. Indexed alph. by lessee and lessor. Handwritten on printed form. 388 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

156. FARM NAME REGISTER, 1914-31. 1 vol.

Record names of farms for location and advertising purposes, showing date of filing, owner, ~~farm, name~~, land description, section, twp., range, and no. of acres. Indexed alph. by owner. Handwritten. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 1¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

Registers of Legal Instruments(continued)

157. SOLDIERS DISCHARGE RECORD, 1866--. 4 vols. (1,2, 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies.

Record of soldiers' and sailors' enrollment and discharge, showing date of enlistment, age, description, branch of service, previous occupation, and discharge date. Indexed alph. by soldier or sailor. 1866-1933, handwritten; 1918-1936, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

Miscellaneous Records

158. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1854--. 13 vols.

Record of various legal instruments, such as assignments, sale contracts, leases and releases, right of way agreements, election certificates of trustees of lodges and other organizations. Indexed alph. by parties concerned. 1854-1909, handwritten; 1909--, typed. 390 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

159. WILLS, 1845--. 52 boxes. (2 groups, A-Z).

Copies of wills, showing date of will, date of filing, testator, and provisions of will. Indexed alph. by testator. C.C., Recorder's office.

Fee and Cash Books

160. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910--. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of all fees collected, showing date, fee, payer, no. and type of instrument, daily receipts, amount carried forth, and amount paid to Treasurer. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 280 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

For earlier records, see entry 161.

Fee and Cash Books(continued)

161. REGISTER OF FEES, 1902-09. 2 vols. (2,3). Vols., prior to 1902, missing.

Record of cash fees collected, showing date, fee, person paying fee, no. and kind of instrument, total receipts for day, amount carried forward, dates, and amount paid to Treasurer. No index. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

For later records, see entry 160.

Maps and Plats

162. PARKE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.

Political and communication map, showing twp. sections of the county, range, railroads, and creeks. Drawn by Standard Map Co., Chicago, Illinois. Scale, 1 inch to 1 mile. 38 x 28. C.C., Recorder's office.

163. FIELD NOTES, RECORDER'S OFFICE, 1819-20. 1 vol.

Record of filed notes describing the boundaries of sections of land, showing location of corner stones, with witnesses for same, kind of timber, and fitness of soil for agriculture. Record also shows maps of congressional twp., which refer to page in volume for specific details on field notes of same. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 616 pp. 10 x 15 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's office.

164. PLAT BOOK, 1836-1934, 2 vols. (1,2).

Maps and descriptions of cities, towns, their additions, and cemetery plats. V. 1, indexed alph. by town or addition; v. 2, no index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 200 pp. 20 x 27 x 2 3/8. C.C., Recorder's office.

XIII SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of County Superintendent of Schools was created. He is elected by the Township Trustees and serves for a term of four years. The candidate must have had five years' successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1873.

The Superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Parke County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teacher's institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Parke County schools once each month in the school year. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. He presides over the county Board of Education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Sec. 28-901 to 28-911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann.1933.)

Activities and Reports

166. OFFICIAL RECORD OF SCHOOL VISITS, 1874--. 54 vols.
Record of school visits by teachers, showing teacher, school, date of visit, and teacher's qualifications. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

167. LICENSE SENT TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 1899-1923. 2 vols.
Record of licenses sent to State School Superintendent, showing

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taken, credits, books read, dates of enrollment and graduation. Indexed alph. by twp. and school. 11 x 9 x 1. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

176. TEACHERS' ATTENDANCE REPORTS, 1910--. 1 file drawer; Bundles.

Record of pupils' attendance, showing enrollment by grades, days absent and present, daily programs, inventory, and final report. No index. Handwritten. File drawer, 7 x 10 x 24; bundles, 15 x 14 x 4. C.C., 1916-30, basement; 1930--, School Superintendent's office.

177. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER OF PARKE COUNTY, 1921-25. 1 vol.

Record of pupils who were absent, showing name, cause of absence, and action taken. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 185 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., basement.

178. LISTS OF TRANSFERS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1876-96. 1 vol.

Record of students transferred from one school to another, showing name of pupil, age, grade, and name of district transferred from and to. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to wolfare work was transferred to the Board of Public Welfare in 1936 (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1408, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

123. MINUTES OF PARKE COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings, showing appointment of members and employees, and purchase of equipment. Arr. chron. Typed. 200 pp. 12 x 14 x 1½. C.C., Welfare office.

124. RECOMMENDATION FOR ASSISTANCE, BY COUNTY DIRECTOR TO COUNTY BOARD, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of the considerations and recommendations for financial assistance to the County Board by the Director, such as old age pensions, and aid to the blind, and to dependent children, showing application number, name of applicant, award or rejection, date and amount, and certificate no. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 160 pp. 12 x 14 x 1. C.C., Welfare office.

125. RECORD OF APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR OLD AGE, BLIND, AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for assistance for the aged, the blind, and dependent children, showing number, name, award or rejection, date, amount, certificate no., and signature of board. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 2. C.C., Welfare office.

dependent children, and the blind, showing serial no., claim no., name and address of applicant, amount allowed, warrant no., and record of monthly financial reports. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 10 pp. 16 x 12 x 3/4. C.C., Welfare office.

131. RECORD OF CLAIMS FILED AND APPROVED, AND WARRANTS ISSUED, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of funds handled by the board, showing claim no., date, payee, appropriation, account chargeable to, amount paid, warrant no., date, and total. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 20 pp. 12 x 14 x 3/4. C.C., Welfare office.

132. MASTER CARD FILE, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Index to cases of assistance for old age pensions, the blind, and dependent children, showing case no., applicant's name, and date assistance was granted. Arr. numerically by case no. 3 x 5 x 16 . C.C., Welfare office.

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amount of mortgage, interest rate, date due, amount of payments, description, and location of property. Indexed alph. by mortgagor and mortgagee. 1846-1908, handwritten; 1908--, typed. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

144. GENERAL INDEX TO MORTGAGES, 1833--, 17 vols. (1-17).
Index to mortgage records, showing mortgagor and mortgagee, date, amount of mortgage, description, and location of property. Indexed alph. by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office,

145. MORTGAGES, 1841--. 52 file boxes. (2 set, A-Z).
Mortgage instruments on real and personal property recorded in most cases satisfied and not called for. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. 4 x 5 x 9. C.C., Recorder's office.

146. TRANSCRIPTS, 1926--. 4 file boxes.
Transcripts of mortgage and deed records. Arr. chron. 4 x 5 x 9. C.C., Recorder's office.

147. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1935--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).
Copies of chattel mortgage instruments that were left and never called for. Indexed aplh. by mortgagor. 5 x 11 x 14. C.C., Recorder's office.

148. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of chattel mortgages filed, showing no. of instrument, time filed, mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, date due, description of property, and date of release. Indexed alph. by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 290 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

Mortgages and Releases(continued)

149. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1868--. 30 vols.
Record of chattel mortgages recorded, showing mortgagor and mortgagee, date of transaction, location, chattel description, interest rate, date, amount of payments, and maturity date. Indexed alph. by mortgagor and mortgagee. 1868-1908, handwritten; 1908--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

150. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1935--. 1 vol.
Index to chattel mortgage records, showing number of instrument, mortgagor, and mortgagee, date, consideration, and description of chattels. Indexed alph. by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

151. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1854--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of money taken from the school fund and loaned to individuals secured by first mortgages of property, showing mortgagor, amount of loan, date, interest rate, ~~interest and~~ principal, payment dates, maturity date, date of loan, and recording date. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. 1854-1909, handwritten; 1909--, typed. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 2¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

152. MORTGAGE RELEASES, 1838--. 52 file boxes. (2 sets, A-Z).
Certificates of mortgage releases, showing recording date, release date, mortgagor, and mortgagee. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. 4 x 5 x 9. C.C., Recorder's office.

XII. BOARD OF REVIEW

Parke County has an annual board for the review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court. The Assessor is the president and the Auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Secs. 64-1201, 64-1205, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Parke County is 1891.

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a County Board of Equalization consisting of the County Commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, Ch. 96. p. 611.) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the County Board of Review, composed of the Treasurer, Assessor, and Auditor,(Act 1891). The Acts of 1919 re-established the board adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the rate per cent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, Ibid.).

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment (Acts 1919, Ibid.).

185. PARKE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW, 1899--. 4 vols.
Minutes of proceedings in equalizing, revising, or correcting tax assessment lists. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.
C.C., Auditor's office.

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manuscript number, fees paid, examination date, and applicant's name. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 125 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

168. RECORD OF OFFICIAL REPORTS, 1881-96. 1 vol.

Record of statistical enumeration and school fund reports, showing kind and value of school buildings, and tax rate. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 160 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

169. REPORT AND CLAIMS OF RELIEF FUND CORPORATIONS TO BOARD OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1928--. 1 file drawer.

Record of financial status of twp. and county school funds, showing tax levies, receipts, and disbursements. No index. 10 x 12 x 28. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

170. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 1876--. 20 file boxes; 2 file drawers.

Record of receipts and expenditures for all financial transactions of the school system. No index. Handwritten. File boxes, 4 x 5 x 9; file drawers, 10 x 12 x 28. C.C., file boxes, 1876-1920, basement; file drawers, 1920--, Superintendent's office.

171. SALE OF LIQUORS, SCHOOL EXAMINER'S RECORD, PARKE COUNTY, 1861-62. 1 vol.

Record of liquor sales for the above period constitutes the first part of this vol; record of school enrollments, taxes, and reports to

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School Superintendent constitutes the latter part. No index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1¾. C.C., Recorder's office.

Enumeration

172. ENUMERATION RECOD, 1880-1932. 44 file boxes.

Record of school children, showing age, sex, color, name of parents or guardian, and address. Arr. by twp. Handwritten. 10 x 6 x 5½. C.C., 30 file boxes, 1880-1925, basement; 14 file boxes, 1926-32, Superintendent's office.

Teachers

173. RECORD OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, 1882-1915. 4 vols. (I-IV).

Record of teachers' examinations, showing date, name, address, age, experience, duration of previous license, grades, and length and kind of license issued. Arr. chron. Handwritten. Condition fair. 300 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½. C.C., 3 vols., 1882-94, School Superintendent's office; 1 vol., 1894-1915, basement.

174. RECORD OF ROSPECTIVE TEACHERS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Record of prospective teachers, showing name, address, experience, and general qualifications. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 14 x 11 x 2. C.C., School Superintendent's office.

Pupils

175. INDIVIDUAL PUPILS RECORDS, 1926--. 9 bundles.

Record of school history of pupils, showing attendance, grades, subjects

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a four-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852;Sec. 49-2801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Parke County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is also his duty to protect persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Secs. 49-2802 to 49-2808, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Investigations and Executions

179. PRISONERS' RECORD, 1874--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of persons arrested, showing name, color, offence, amount of bail, date of arrest and discharge, judgment rendered, board, and total charges to county. No index. Handwritten. 280 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., 2 vols., 1874-1917, Sheriff's office; 1 vol., 1917--, jail.

180. JURORS REGISTER, 1891--. 4 vols. (1, and 3, vols., not numbered).

Record of persons who have served as jurors, showing name and address, miles traveled, total fee, and length of service. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

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181. JURORS INDEX, 1890-1902. 1 vol.

Index to juror's register, showing book and page no., names of jurors, and date of service. Arr. alph. by juror. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

182. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1868--. 10 vols.

Record of proceedings on executions of court judgements, showing case no., issue date, plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, decree date, and costs. Indexed alph. by defendent. Handwritten. 265 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 3/4. C.C., Sheriff's office.

Fee and Cash Books

183. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, 1885--. 7 vols. (1-6, 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of all fees collected, showing title and no. of case, name of court, date, nature of service, and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by payee. Handwritten on printed form. 426 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

184. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1892--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of all cash transactions, showing date, source of income, name of party to whom paid, type of service, and distribution of disbursements. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 324 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/4. C.C., Sheriff's office.

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185. MILEAGE CLAIM RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol.
Record of Sheriff's claims for mileage expenses, showing number and date of case, name of parties served, process, type of service, miles traveled, and total charges. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 504 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

Maps

186. PARKE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.
Political and communication map, showing congressional and political twps., sections of land, railroads, highways, streams, cities, and villages. Published at Chicago, Illinois, by Standard Map Co. Printed, colored. Scale, 1" to 1 mile. 28 x 38. C.C., Sheriff's office.

XV SURVEYOR

The County Surveyor is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election for two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the Board of County Commissioners. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-3301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Surveyor performs all duties which are required for public improvements, including the preparation of plans and specifications, and general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains and levees. He establishes boundaries of farms and lots, and takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any streams. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Sec. 36-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3217, 49-3319 to 49-3322, and 49-3327 to 49-3328.)

Surveys and Reports

187, NOTICE OF SURVEYS, 1890-1901. 2 file boxes. Record of notices sent to residents of land that a survey is to be made, showing date, place of survey and name of party requesting survey. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 52 x 4. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

Surveys and Reports(continued)

188. SURVEYOR'S FIELD NOTES, 1867--. 188 vols.
Record of a survey of ditches, roads and mines, showing congressional twps. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 140 pp. 7 x 4 x ½. C.C., 176 vols. 1867-1934, Highway Supervisor's office; 12 vols., 1934--, Surveyor's office.

189. SURVEYOR'S FIELD NOTES, 1837-93. 1 vol.
Record of surveys by congressional twps., showing sections, and parts of section, cornerstone locations, and witness for same. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 520 pp. 16 x 10 x 2½. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

190. CERTIFICATE OF SURVEYS OF FIELD, 1890-1905. 1 vol.
Record of surveys of established boundary lines of farms. Indexed alph. by party requesting survey. Handwritten on printed form. 320 pp, 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Surveyor's office.

191. RECORD OF ROADS, 1893--. 10 file boxes.
Record of road level surveys and notes on a bridge survey. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., 9 file boxes, 1893-1934, Supervisor's office; 1 file box, 1934--, Surveyor's office.

192. BRIDGE NOTES, not dated. 4 file boxes.
Notes pertaining to county bridges. No index. Handwritten. 12 x 49 x 4. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

193. ROASEDALE DITCH,,1904-11. 5 file boxes.
Notes on survey of levels of Rosedale ditch. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

Specifications and Plans

194. SPECIFICATIONS OF, WATER WORKS, 1895--, 13 file boxes. Copies of specifications of contracts for the building of water works in other cities. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

Maps

195. PARKE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map. Political and communication map, showing congressional and political twp, section of land, railroads, highways, streams, cities and village. Published at Chicago, Illinois by Standard Map Co. Printed, colored. Scale, 1 inch to 1 mile. 28 x 38. C.C., Surveyor's office.

The Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his official hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; Sec. 49-3101, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Parke County is 1821.

The Treasurer receives all money coming to Parke County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the Auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the Auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the Auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the Treasurer of State, collects property and poll taxes and State license fees, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1853; Sec. 49-3103 to 49-3317, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Tax Collection

196. TAX DUPLICATE AND DELINQUENT LIST, 1851--. 196 vols. Record of tax duplicates and delinquents, showing name, no., property description, value , and value of improvements, and deductions for mortgages. Arranged in sections by twps., and corporations. Handwritten on printed form. 570 pp. 24 x 17 x 3. C.C., 176 vols., 1851-1928, basement; 20 vols., 1929-, Treasurer's office.

Tax Collection(continued)

197. TAX RECEIPTS, 1904--. 578 vols.

Record of taxes received, showing name, amount paid, description and location of property, date of payment, receipt and duplicate no., amount of taxes by installments, delinquent taxes, total taxes, mortgage exemptions, property value, and poll tax. Arr. chron. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 13 x 5 x 3. C.C., 1904-26, basement; 1927--, Treasurer's office.

198. CASH BOOK-TAX PAYMENTS, 1842--. 95 vols.

Record of taxes collected, showing distribution, date collected, duplicate no., insolvent persons, and current and delinquent taxes. Arr. in sections by twps. and corporations. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., 91 vols., 1842-1932, basement; 4 vols., 1933--, Treasurer's office.

Public Improvement Record

199. GRAVEL ROAD, TAX DUPLICATE, 1879-97. 12 vols.

Record of taxes collected for road repairs, showing taxpayer, description and location of real estate, amount of assessment, additional assessments by Auditor, delinquent tax, penalty, and interest. Indexed alph. by road. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 17 x 16 x 2½. C.C., basement.

200. DIKE AND LEVEE TAX DUPLICATE, 1929--. 1 vol. Prior to 1929, missing.

Record of tax assessments for the Wabash River levees and ditches, showing land owner, description and location of land, acres protected,

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damages, assessments, delinquent assessments, penalty, and interest. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 220 pp. 19 x 16 x 2 . C.C., Treasurer's office.

Receipts and Disbursements

201. TREASURER'S RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1842--. 51 vols. (1-40, and 11 vols., not numbered).

Record of money received and disbursed, deposited or kept on hand, sources of income, and each item of expenditure. No index. Handwritten. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 47 vols., 1842-1933, basement; 4 vols., 1933--, Treasurer's office.

202. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, AND RECORD OF DEPOSITORY BALANCE, 1913--. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of warrants issued, showing name of depository, warrant no., date issued, amount of deposit, balance, and classification of appropriation. Indexed alph. by depository. Handwritten on printed form. 310 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½. C.C., 8 vols., 1913-28, basement; 2 vols., 1929--, Treasurer's office.

203. LOAN LEDGER, SCHOOL FUND, 1850-1915. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of school fund loans secured by mortgage on the property of borrower, showing mortgagor, loan no., date, amount, fund name, and dates of payment of principal and interest. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. Handwritten. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., basement.

The County Commissioners, by virtue of their office, constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879. The management and control of all free turnpikes in the county were vested in the board. The county was divided into three districts, and each director had personal supervision of one district. They had the power to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and material; enter upon lands to take gravel and to give certificate of payment; and to appoint a clerk of the board (Acts 1879, Page 226). An Act of 1905 made the County Auditor the clerk of the board. (Acts 1905, pp. 521-579.)

An act passed in 1913 abolished the Turnpike Directors as an administrative board, transferring their jurisdiction to a Highway Superintendent appointed by the County Commissioners (Acts 1913, Ch. 330, Sec. 1, Page 877).

204. TURNPIKES, 1890-1905. 36 file boxes.
Petitions for building of improved roads, showing estimated cost, route, and benefits derived. Arr. chron. Handwritten. 10 x 5 x 4. C.C., basement.